

REMARKS

The Title has been amended. Claims 12, 15, and 16 have been amended. Claims 1-11, 13-14, and 28-31 have been cancelled. Claims 12 and 15-27 remain
5 in the application. Further examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is hereby requested.

In Section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Title. The Applicants have amended the Title to include at least one aspect of the invention.
10 Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Status:

Claims 1-5, 12, 13, 18-20, 27, and 31 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Taira et al.

15 Claims 28-30 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taira.

Claims 6-11, 21-26 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taira in view of McKnight.

Claims 14-17 were objected to but indicated as being allowable if rewritten
20 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for this indication of allowance. Accordingly to further quick acceptance of the allowed claims, Applicants have amended claim 12 to include the limitations of claims 13 and 14 and claims 13 and 14 have been cancelled. Claim 15 has been
25 amended to correct dependency after cancellation of claim 14. Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 12 and 13 to place it in independent form. Dependent claims 17-27 depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 12 or 16 and thus are believed patentable based at least on the patentability of their respective parent claims, as amended. Accordingly,
30 claims 12 and 15-27 are now believed to be in condition for allowance and such allowance and withdrawal of the various rejections are respectfully requested.

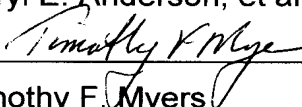
The prior art made of record but not relied upon by the Examiner has been reviewed, but is no more pertinent to Applicants' invention than the cited references for the reasons given above.

5 Applicants believe their claims as amended are patentable over the art of record, and that the amendments made herein are within the scope of a search properly conducted under the provisions of MPEP 904.02. Accordingly, claims 12 and 15-27 are deemed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

10 If for any reason the Examiner finds the Application other than in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

15 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a petition therefore.

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